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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Entry Level




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THE LARGEST HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

As you plan or consider a career as a registered nurse, you should know these facts.

- With 2.7 million registered nurses nationwide, nursing continues to be the largest health care profession in the United States.
- The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that employment for registered nurses will grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2012.
- Nursing students comprise more than half of all health profession students.
- Nurses comprise the largest single component of hospital staff, are the primary providers of hospital patient care, and deliver most of the nation's long-term care.
- Most health care services involve some form of care by nurses. Although 60 percent of all employed R.N.s work in hospitals, many are employed in a wide range of other settings.



NURSING B.S.N.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree is the critical first step for a career in professional nursing. While graduates can begin practice as an R.N. with an associate's degree or hospital diploma, the B.S.N. degree is essential for nurses seeking to perform at the case-manager or supervisory level or move across employment settings.

The B.S.N. nurse is prepared for a broader role. The B.S.N. nurse is the only basic nursing graduate prepared to practice in all health care settings—critical care, ambulatory care, public health, and mental health—and thus, has the greatest employment flexibility of any entry-level R.N. The B.S.N. curriculum includes a broad spectrum of scientific, critical thinking, humanistic, communication, and leadership skills, and has specific courses on community health nursing not typically included in diploma or associate's degree tracks. These abilities are essential for today's professional nurse who must be a skilled provider, designer, manager, and coordinator of care. Nurses must make quick, sometimes life-and-death decisions; understand a patient's treatment, symptoms, and danger signs; supervise other nursing personnel; coordinate care with other health care providers; master advanced technology; guide patients through the maze of health resources in a community; and teach patients how to comply with treatment and adopt a healthy lifestyle.

The B.S.N. is the preferred degree for entering generalist nursing practice. More nurse executives are indicating their desire for the majority of their hospital staff nurses to be prepared at the baccalaureate level to meet the more complex demands of today's patient care. In fact, the phrase "B.S.N. preferred" is appearing more frequently in classified ads for registered nurses nationwide.



The 27-month, entry-level track (which begins in August and January) is offered at Fort Lauderdale, Miami, and Fort Myers locations. Information on either location can be obtained by calling 800-356-0026, ext. 21983. The entry-level track is designed for students who are seeking initial licensure as a registered nurse. Upon completion of the 121 credits (7 terms), the student is awarded a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree and is eligible to sit for the national licensure examination for registered nurses (NCLEX). Individual requests for advanced placement, transfer of credit, or credit for experiential learning will be reviewed in line with college requirements.

For more information, please visit our Web site at www.nova.edu/nursing or call the nursing department at (954) 262-1983.

CURRICULUM

Course requirements must be completed at NSU.

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PHS 4904	Advanced Anatomy and Physiology for Health Professions	4
NUR 3000	Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing Education.	3
NUR 3160	Introduction to Professional Nursing	3
NUR 3130	Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice	6
NUR 3005	Mathematical Applications for Nursing Practice	2
NUR 3029	Foundations of Health Assessment	3
NUR 3131	Problem Solving Strategies for Nursing Practice	1
NUR 3032	Foundations of Pathophysiology	3
NUR 3180	Primary Concepts of Adult Health Nursing	6
NUR 3191	Pharmacological Basis for Nursing Interventions I	2
BHS 3110	Health Care Ethics	3
NUR 4110	Advanced Concepts of Adult Nursing II	6
NUR 3192	Pharmacological Basis for Nursing Interventions II	2

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
BHS	elective	3
NUR 4130	Concepts of Maternal-Child Nursing and Families	5
NUR 4160	Genetics for Nursing Practice	2
NUR 3050	Theoretical Applications in Nursing Research	3
NUR 3250	Concepts of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	4
NUR 4150	Concepts of Community-Based Nursing . . .	4
NUR 3175	Nursing in Today's Health Care Environment	3
NUR 4020	The Nurse as a Leader and Manager	3
NUR 4030	The Business of Health Care	3
NUR 4120	Advanced Concepts of Adult Nursing III	5
NUR 4180	Nursing Practicum	6
TOTAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS		121

Student must achieve a satisfactory grade in both theory and clinical components in order to achieve a satisfactory grade in the course.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must have completed a minimum of 36 semester hours (or equivalent quarter hours) of specific undergraduate coursework from a regionally accredited college or university prior to matriculation into the nursing program.
2. Applicants must have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
3. Applicants must have completed all prerequisite courses with a grade of *C* or higher. No grades of *D*, *F*, or *W* will be accepted for science courses.

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE PREREQUISITES	CREDITS
• Written communication	3
• Social behavioral sciences One PSYC, one SOC, and Human Growth and Development	9
• Humanities Any ARTS, HIST, HUMN, LITR, PHIL, or foreign language	3
• Statistics From a college mathematics department	3
• Natural/physical sciences Anatomy and physiology, at least 6 credits with lab (5 credits of anatomy and physiology with 3 credits of biology may be substituted); chemistry, at least 3 credits; microbiology, at least 3 credits	12
• Nutrition	3
• General education elective Any college-level ENC, MAT, PSYC, SOC, ARTS, HIST, HUMN, LITR, PHIL, or foreign language course (courses beginning with 00 are not considered college level)	3
TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE PREREQUISITES . .	36

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Complete application, which will include a nonrefundable, \$50 application fee, online at www.nova.edu/nursing.
2. The completed application must be received no later than April 1 in order to be considered for admission for the August entering class and September 1 to be considered for the January entering class.
3. All applicants must submit official college or diploma-based transcripts of all completed coursework and all recommendation forms to the NSU Enrollment Processing Services. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that arrangements are made for these transcripts to be sent to the address below.

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Enrollment Processing Services (EPS)
College of Allied Health and Nursing
Nursing Department Admissions
3301 College Avenue
P.O. Box 299000
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33329-9905

4. If applicant attended, or is a graduate of, a foreign institution, all coursework from the foreign institution must be evaluated for U.S. institutional equivalence. The official evaluation must be sent directly from one of the following evaluation services:

World Education Services

www.wes.org

Josef Silny & Associates

www.jsilny.com

Educational Credential Evaluators

www.ece.org

5. Download two recommendation forms from individuals other than relatives (suggested sources are professors and academic advisers). Have accurate contact information for these individuals ready to be entered online, as this is the final portion of the application process and must be done at this time.

TUITION AND FEES

1. Anticipated tuition for classes entering in academic year 2011–2012 is \$19,995 for Florida residents and \$21,795 for out-of-state students. A Health Professions Division general access fee of \$145 is required each year. An NSU student services fee of \$750 is also required annually.
2. **Acceptance Fee—\$500.** This fee is required to reserve the accepted applicant's place in the entering first-year class. This advance payment will be deducted from the tuition payment due on registration day, but is not refundable in the event of a withdrawal. It is payable within two weeks of an applicant's acceptance.
3. **Deposit—\$500.** This is due July 15 for August admission and November 15 for January admission.
4. **Lab Fee—\$150.** This fee is required in the first semester.
5. Students will incur additional costs—such as PDA, FNSA dues, testing fees, uniforms, and lab coat—while in the program.

The first semester's tuition and fees, less the \$1,000 previously paid, are due on or before registration day. Tuition for each subsequent semester is due on the day of registration. Students will not be admitted until their financial obligations have been met. The financial ability of applicants to complete their education at the college is important because of the limited number of positions available in each class. Applicants should have specific plans for financing 27 months of professional education. This should include tuition, living expenses, books, equipment, and miscellaneous expenses.

Each student is required to carry adequate personal medical and hospital insurance. Students may avail themselves of the hospitalization insurance plan obtainable through the university.

Tuition and fees are subject to change by the board of trustees without notice.

ACCREDITATIONS

The NSU Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing programs are Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), (One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036-1120, telephone number: (202) 887-6791).

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, Telephone number: 404-679-4501) to award associate's, bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.

NONDISCRIMINATION

Nova Southeastern University admits students of any race, color, sex, age, nondisqualifying disability, religion or creed, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school, and does not discriminate in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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